

JOHN D. COULIE.

JUNE 14, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WARNER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 1537.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1537) granting a pension to John D. Coulie, have examined the same and the evidence relating thereto and respectfully report:

This bill proposes to pension at the rate of \$12 per month John D. Coulie, of 2012½ Union street, San Francisco, Cal.

The Senate report states the facts, and is as follows:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1537) granting a pension to John D. Coulie, have examined the same and report:

Claimant enlisted July 5, 1861, and served until the close of the war. An application for a pension under the old law was rejected, as was a later application made under the law of June 27, 1890. In the declaration filed under the law of 1890 claimant alleges disabilities resulting from chills and fever, deafness, rheumatism, bronchitis, nervous debility, defective eyesight, loss of teeth, defective hearing, and wound of left knee. The Pension Office ruled that no ratable disability appeared from the report of the medical examiners.

The examination shows that claimant is almost wholly deaf in the right ear and slightly deaf in the left ear, and that he can not hear ordinary conversation at a distance of 6 feet; that he suffers from occasional attacks of chills and fever, and that his molars are nearly all gone and the incisors and canines which still remain are all loose. No other disability was found.

Although claimant is earning a living, he claims it is owing to the indulgence of his employer that he is able to do so, and that if subjected to the ordinary demands of competition he would find himself unable to compete with stronger men. We think claimant should receive the maximum rating allowed by the law of 1890, and would therefore recommend that the bill be amended by striking out the word "eighteen," in line 8 of the bill, and substituting therefor the word "twelve;" and that as so amended the bill pass.

The bill is therefore reported back with the recommendation that it pass.